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Panther Sports News

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PANTHER WRESTLING REPORT

THE MATCHES: Eastern Illinois University (2-0) hosts University of Missouri (3-0), 1:00, Friday, Jan. 15, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL

Eastern Illinois University (2-0) hosts Ball State (3-5), 2:00, Sunday, Jan. 17, Lantz Gym, Charleston, IL

EIU TENTATIVE STARTERS AND RECORDS:

118	Randy Blackman	9-4	River Grove (East Leyden)
126	Derek Porter	14-2	Mims, FL (Titusville)
	or		
	Mark Ruettiger	4-7	Joliet, (Providence)
134	Derek Porter or		
	Olie Johnson	4-5	Rock Island (Alleman)
142	Rich Brown	5-3	Franklin Park (East Leyden/Triton JC)
150	Kevin Bement	4-5	Cahokia
	or		
	Don Rowden	0-0	Fox Lake (Grant)
158	Mike Polz	3-1	Riverside (Brookfield)
	or		
	Lester Robinson	7-3	Chicago (Marshall)
167	Mark Gronowski	6-1	Titusville, FL
	or		
	Mike Polz		
177	Dennis McCormick	9-4	Springfield
190	Geno Savegnago	12-1	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
Hwt	Rich Magsamen	2-5	Elk Grove Village (Elk Grove)

EIU FACTS: The Panthers recently finished 11th in the Midlands Tournament as Mark Gronowski took 2nd at 167 with a 5-1 record losing the championship to Danny Schultz of Oklahoma . . . Randy Blackman was 6th at 118 . . . Geno Savegnago did not wrestle at Midlands due to injuries but is ready to go this weekend . . . Savegnago is ranked No. 1 in the nation at 190 by Amateur Wrestling News . . . Derek Porter is No. 7 at 126 and Gronowski No. 6 . . . Brown, who just became eligible at the semester, will replace the injured Bob McGuinn at 142 . . . Brown, a transfer from Triton JC, compiled a 5-3 record during the fall semester wrestling in open meets only.

MISSOURI FACTS: The Tigers are 3-0, ranked No. 8 in the nation and will be the toughest opponent on EIU's schedule this season . . . they are led by Wes Roper, 19-2 at 150, who set a school record with 40 wins last season . . . heavyweight Rick Romeo is 19-0 and holds Missouri records for most points (159) and most pins (16) in a season.

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BALL STATE FACTS: The Cardinals are 3-5 . . . EIU defeated them 25-15 last season . . . Craig Newburg is the top wrestler at 190 . . . he participated in two NCAA tournaments before being redshirted last season . . . was football team's MVP this past fall . . . Doug Dake is 12-2 with six pins at 177.

COACH RON CLINTON SAYS: "If we could get everyone healthy I think we could field a solid lineup . . . (Randy) Blackman had a good showing at Midlands . . . he sat out last year so it's taken him a little while to get in the groove but he's coming around . . . (Mike) Polz also did a good job at Midlands . . . Dennis McCormick should do better at 177 . . . we had him at 190 some and that's a bit too much . . . Geno (Savegnago) fractured some fingers last week but he'll wrestle this weekend . . . Missouri's the best dual meet team on our schedule so we need everyone ready."